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PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case.

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1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;

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Respectfully submitted,

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